

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Boonsboro Free Library Inventory Number: WA-II-774

Address: 19 North Main Street, Boonsboro, Maryland

Owner: Boonsboro Mayor & Council

Tax Parcel Number: 432

Tax Map Number: 601

Project: Boonsboro Streetscape - WA960A21

Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Site visit by: John Milner Associates, Inc.

Staff: no X yes

Name: Kerri Culhane and Rachel Mancini

Date: June 1999

Eligibility recommended X

Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: X A B X C X D

Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district? no X yes Name of district: Town of Boonsboro

Is district listed? X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Boonsboro Streetscape, Alternate US 40: MD 68 to East of Mousetown Road, Washington County, Maryland, SHA Report 215 (JMA 1999) and Final Report: Architectural and Cultural Survey of Boonsboro and Clear Spring, MD (Mueller 1992).

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Boonsboro Library at 19 North Main Street was built as a bank ca. 1905. The original bank building was later enlarged in 1925. The 1925 remodeling is reflected in the Colonial Revival style of the facade. The building is constructed in a six-course American bond brick; the building is faced in a long, narrow gold brick laid in a stretcher bond. The building has a stepped parapet below which is a dentil cornice. The one-story, three-bay-wide facade features cast stone trim in the form of window and door surrounds. Roundels surmount the lintels of the windows, which flank the central entry door. The modern double-leaf aluminum-framed glass doors are surmounted by a transom within the door surround; a rectangular transom also surmounts the pedimented entablature supported on consoles which is above the entrance doors. The main windows of the facade are metal-sash replacements. The ornate old vault is still present in the building and is an interesting and unique feature of the building. A modern addition connects the rear of Town Hall (21 N. Main) with rear of Boonsboro Library. The 1990s addition creates a shed roof over back wall of library. The former bank/current library is an example of early-twentieth-century commercial architecture in Boonsboro and is a contributing resource to the Town of Boonsboro Historic District.

Prepared by: Kerri Culhane, John Milner Associates, Inc., VA

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Eligibility recommended X

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: XA B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR program

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

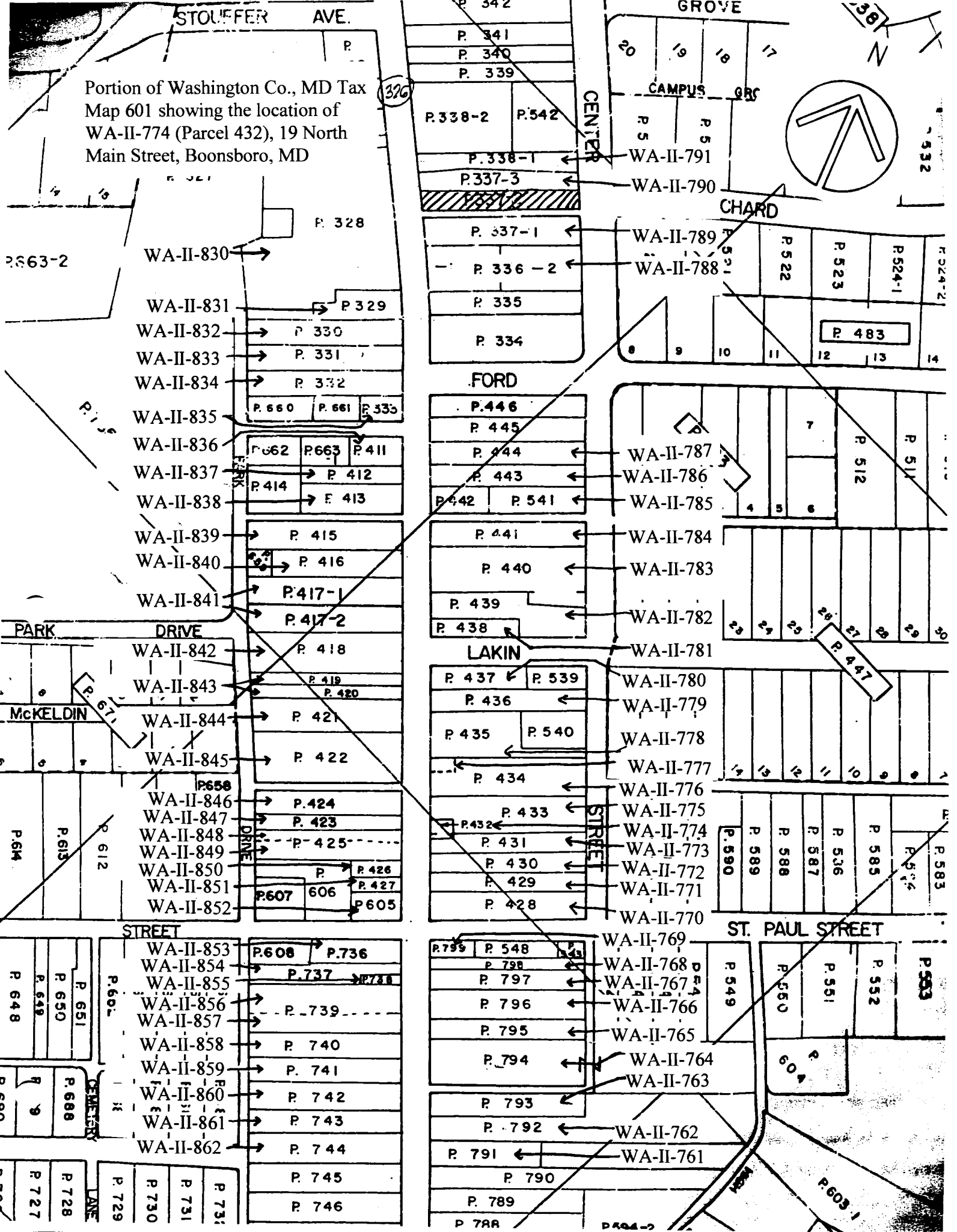
Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): COMMERCE/TRADE/financial institution

Known Design Source: none

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Portion of Washington Co., MD Tax Map 601 showing the location of WA-II-774 (Parcel 432), 19 North Main Street, Boonsboro, MD





Boonsboro Town Hall

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19 N. Main St.

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west elevation, main building

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-774

ADDRESS: 19 North Main Street, Boonsboro, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Boonsboro Public Library

BUILDING DATE: between 1904-1910

19 North Main Street is a west-facing, raised, horizontally massed, one-and-a-half-story, three-bay, brick, freestanding, commercial structure. The building, which is set directly at the public-right-of-way and rests on a stone foundation, is one of the only 20th century buildings in the central section of Boonsboro. The Colonial Revival, buff brick building is set in common bond and is articulated by stone used as trim for all openings. The roof is flat and not visible; however, it is delineated on the front facade by a brick parapet over a projecting cornice and wide frieze. The focus of the building are the robust entrance surround and windows. Fenestration consists of double-hung, one-over-one windows with new storm windows. The front door, which is located in the center bay, has have been replaced by a pair of aluminum frame and glass double doors. Directly in front of the building stands a World War I memorial tablet.

The 1897 and 1904 Sanborn indicate that the location of this structure was vacant at that time. It appears that the site may have been vacant in 1877 as well. The first notation of a building on this site is on the 1910 Sanborn which shows a bank of the same configuration as the library. The building continues to be noted as a bank through the 1940 Sanborn. Shadows on the limestone under the current lettering (Boonsboro Library) indicate that the structure was the Boonsboro Bank. Other indications of the use as a bank is a night deposit slot on the front facade. According to an undated article, "Roving Reporter Tells of Organization of

Boonsboro Bank (Boonsboro News, 1950s?, clipping in the Western Maryland Room), the bank was erected in 1905 or 1906. The head mason was Dave Lapole and the carpenter was George Moore. The building was enlarged in 1925 by Norman Early & Sons, contractors.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economic; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

Prepared by Julianne Mueller, February 1992

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